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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
JUERGEN DECKER, ET AL. : EXAMINER: CHIN, P.  
SERIAL NO: 09/807,996 :  
FILED: MAY 4, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1731  
FOR: MODIFIED CATIONIC POLYMERS, :  
THEIR PREPARATION AND THEIR  
USE IN PAPERMAKING

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action of December 4, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A modified cationic polymer prepared by reacting
- a water-soluble, polymeric compound containing NH groups and selected from the group consisting of polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine and polymers containing vinylamine units with
- a compound which is at least bifunctional with respect to NH groups and contains at least one alkyl or alkylene radical of at least 8 carbon atoms and, has a functional group selected from the group consisting of a halohydrin, epoxy, chloroformate, isocyanate group and a halogen atom.